

# Mid-Atlantic: Price Movements of Top Exports and Other Highlights

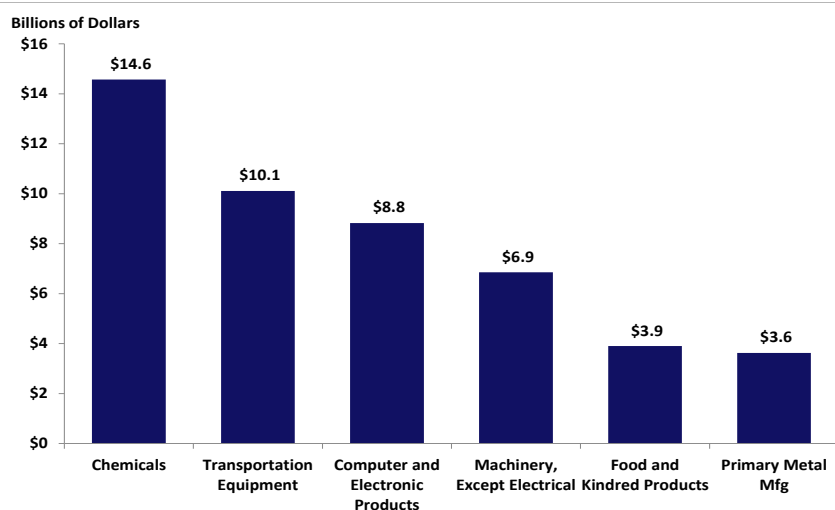
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The Mid-Atlantic region; composed of Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and the District of Columbia; exported goods valued at just under \$74.1 billion in 2015, a drop of 4.9 percent from 2014. Export prices for chemical manufacturing—the top export industry by trade value for the region—continued to decrease for the quarter ended in March 2015. During the same period, export prices for computer and electronic products fell while prices transportation equipment manufacturing advanced.



## Top Six Mid-Atlantic Exports by Trade Dollar-Value, 2015

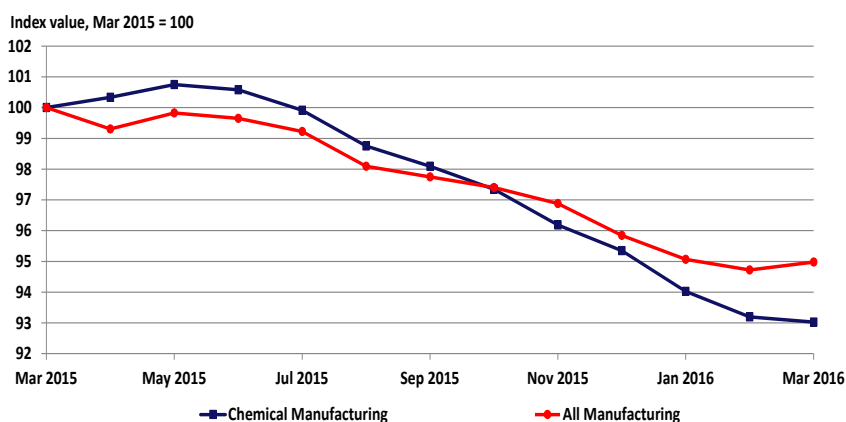


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics.

- Chemicals were the largest goods export industry in the Mid-Atlantic region in 2015 (\$14.6 billion), accounting for approximately 19.7 percent of the region's export dollars.
- Pennsylvania ranked first in each of the Mid-Atlantic region's top 6 export categories, contributing 53.4 percent (\$25.5 billion) to those categories.
- The top 6 export industries accounted for 64.7 percent (\$47.9 billion) of the region's total export dollars in 2015.

## U.S. Export Price Indexes: Chemical Manufacturing

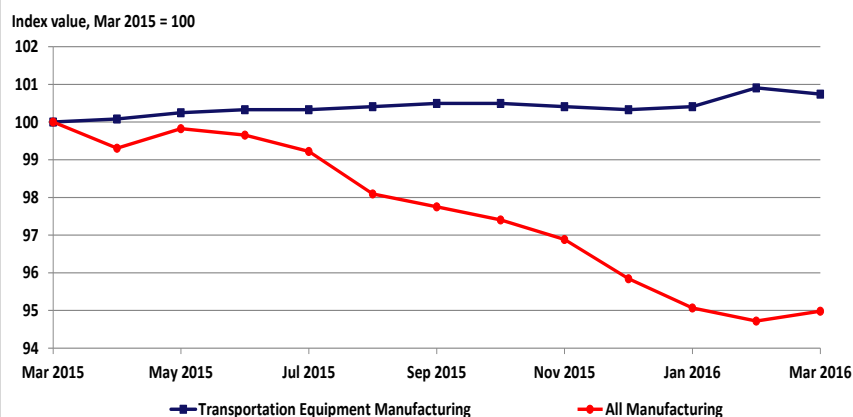
- For the quarter ended in March, the price index for export chemical manufacturing dropped 2.4 percent while all export manufacturing prices fell 0.9 percent.
- Export chemical manufacturing prices continued to drop between 2015 and 2016, falling 7.0 percent for the year ended in March.
- Advances in petroleum prices have yet to translate into increased chemical prices even though it is an input for chemical manufacturing.



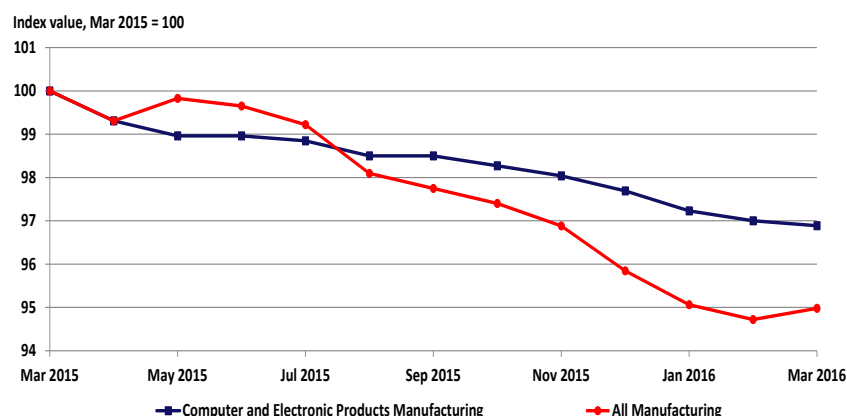
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, International Price Program.

### U.S. Export Price Indexes: Transportation Equipment Manufacturing

- The price index for transportation equipment manufacturing exports rose 0.4 percent in the 3 months ended in March, mostly attributed to a 0.5-percent rise in February.
- Export prices for transportation equipment manufacturing increased 0.7 percent over the past year.
- Aerospace products and parts manufacturing continued to pull the index up, increasing 2.6 percent for year ended in March.



### U.S. Export Price Indexes: Computer and Electronic Products Manufacturing



- Export prices for computer and electronic products manufacturing fell 0.8 percent in the first quarter of 2016.
- The price index for computer and electronic products manufacturing exports dropped 3.1 percent over the past 12 months.
- Computer and peripheral equipment manufacturing, a large contributor to the index, recorded its largest 12-month drop in March since the year ended March 2009.

### U.S. Export Price Indexes: Nonelectrical Machinery Manufacturing

- Export prices for nonelectrical machinery rose 0.6 percent for the 3 months ended in March.
- Despite price fluctuations throughout 2015, the price index recorded a 0.6-rise over the past 12 months.
- Annual price adjustments at the beginning of 2016 for engine, turbine, and power transmission equipment manufacturing played a major part in the index's recent increases.

